
Field Services

Appropriation: \$ 9,420,233

The Field Services Division is responsible for the delivery of emergency services to the public in response to any emergency situation such as sudden illness, injury, fire, or hazardous materials release. The division provides these services with a staff of highly trained professionals responding from the city's five fire stations, using five fire engines, five fully staffed paramedic ambulances and one heavy rescue truck.

2004/05 Operational Highlights:

- Continued to provide emergency response services to the City of Santa Fe within established response time frames in the areas of fire suppression, rescue, and EMS life-saving response.
- Worked closely with area law enforcement and fire agencies to establish a unified command, and completed a Wildfire Operations Plan for the community and surrounding area.
- Provided education targeting the public and government officials concerning the wildland fire danger existing in the community, and obtained Federal grant funding to reduce the threat of wildfire and raise community wildfire awareness.
- Replaced two older fire engines with quints, which serve a dual role as fire engine and aerial ladder truck.
- Contracted ambulance billing to an outside agency, thereby improving the collection rate; and instituted fees for inspections performed by the Fire Prevention Bureau.

2005/06 Goals and Objectives:

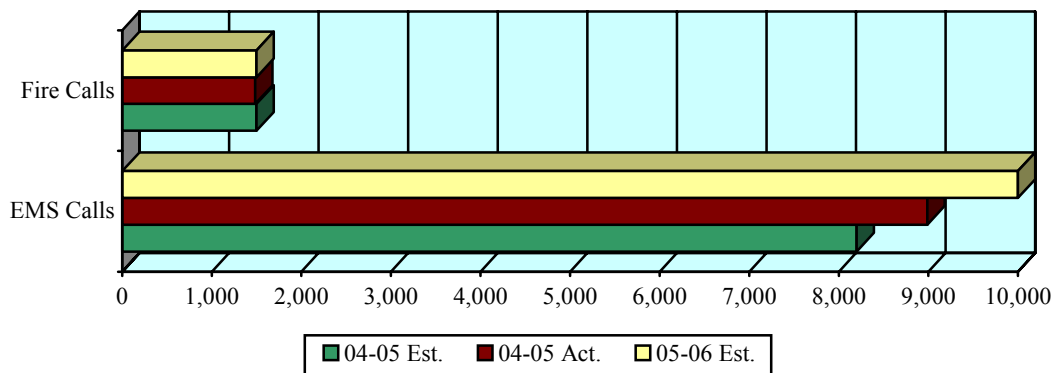
- Design significant improvements to crew living accommodations at Fire Stations 3 and 4, and complete construction of the new Fire Station #8 to serve the city's southwest quadrant by summer 2006.
- Continue to work with area law enforcement and fire agencies to establish a unified command and utilize the latest technology for communication interoperability on all emergency scenes.
- Improve service by exploring new approaches with new technology available to the fire and EMS services.
- Conduct an assessment of fire service and EMS service needs in county areas currently under study for annexation into the City of Santa Fe, and continue to work with the County to resolve the issue of reimbursement for service calls outside city limits.

Budget Commentary:

The FY 2005/06 General Fund operating budget of \$9,242,731 supports 114 positions and operating expenses primarily used in providing safety education programs and investigating property loss fires. Salaries and benefits comprise the largest share (93.6%) of the budget for the Field Services Division. The division's FY 2005/06 budget also reflects a \$177,502 appropriation in the Fire Hazard Reduction Grants Fund (2232), which supports division operations and includes \$65,000 for a Regional Fire Risk Assessment.

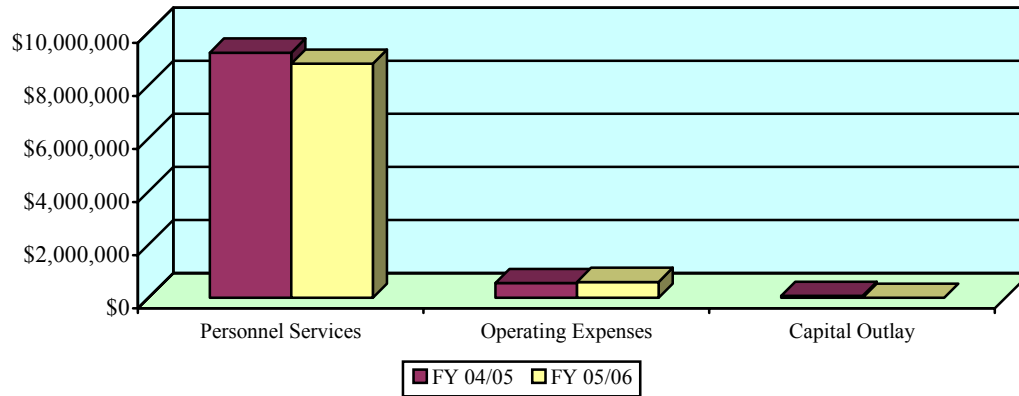
The Wildland Urban Interface Specialist position and associated funding were moved from Administration to the Field Services Division in FY 2004/05. In addition, a grant-funded Assistant Wildland Urban Interface Specialist position was created to assist with the operation of the grant program.

| <u>Standard Program Measurements:</u> | <u>04/05 EST.</u> | <u>04/05 ACTUAL</u> | <u>05/06 EST.</u> |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Number of fire service calls | 1,500 | 1,486 | 1,500 |
| 2. Number of EMS calls | 8,200 | 8,988 | 10,000 |
| 3. Average fire/EMS call response time (min:sec) | 06:50 | 06:48 | 06:50 |
| 4. Structure fire incidents | 50 | 41 | 50 |
| 5. Number of fire inspections | 1,900 | 2,035 | 2,200 |
| 6. Number of plans reviewed | 700 | 773 | 800 |



| <u>POSITION/CLASSIFICATION</u> | <u>FY 04/05 ACTUAL</u> | <u>FY 05/06 BUDGET</u> |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Assistant Fire Chief | 1 – CLFT | 1 – CLFT |
| Battalion Chief | 3 – CLFT | 3 – CLFT |
| Administrative Assistant | 1 – CLFT | 1 – CLFT |
| Assistant Wildland Urban Interface Specialist | 0 – TGF | 1 – TGF |
| Fire Captain | 15 – CLFT | 15 – CLFT |
| Fire Engineer | 15 – CLFT | 15 – CLFT |
| Firefighter I | 3 – CLFT | 13 – CLFT |
| Firefighter II | 7 – CLFT | 0 – CLFT |
| Firefighter III | 27 – CLFT | 24 – CLFT |
| Firefighter/Paramedic | 25 – CLFT | 21 – CLFT |
| Fire Inspector II | 4 – CLFT | 4 – CLFT |
| Fire Marshal | 1 – CLFT | 1 – CLFT |
| Medical Officer | 1 – CLFT | 1 – CLFT |
| Rescue Technician | 9 – CLFT | 9 – CLFT |
| Shift Captain | 0 – CLFT | 3 – CLFT |
| Shift Engineer | 0 – CLFT | 1 – CLFT |
| Wildland Urban Interface Specialist | <u>0</u> – CLFT | <u>1</u> – CLFT |
| TOTAL: | 112 | 114 |

EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION



| | FY 04/05 <u>REVISED</u> | FY 05/06 <u>APPROPRIATION</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Personnel Services | \$ 9,233,129 | \$ 8,821,895 |
| Operating Expenses | 556,247 | 598,338 |
| Capital Outlay | <u>75,000</u> | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$ 9,864,376 | \$ 9,420,233 |